

**Maryland Historical Trust
Determination of Eligibility Form**

Property Name: Poole-Milford Farm Inventory Number: M: 17-16
Address: 17825 Dr. Walling Road Historic District: Yes ☒ No
City: Poolesville Zip Code: 208/37 County: Montgomery
USGS Quadrangle(s): Poolesville
Property Owner: Patricia Croker et al Tax Account ID Number: 02853262
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): P20 Tax Map Number: CT32
Project: Brightwell Crossing 200662663 N62666 Agency: COE
Agency Prepared By: Brightwell Crossing
Preparer's Name: William Lebovich Date Prepared: 12/14/2006
Documentation is Presented In: The History of Poolesville by Dona Cuttler & Dorothy Elgin, 2000;
Survey forms
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☒ Eligibility Recommended Eligibility Not Recommended
Criteria: A B ☒ C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: Yes Listed: Yes
Site Visit by MHT Staff: Yes No Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)

Historical Context:

Early land grants in the Poolesville area date to around 1730, but the beginning of Poolesville is usually dated to the 1760's when John Poole, Sr. acquired the land that is now Poolesville and erected the still extant John Poole House, circa 1793. Like much of Montgomery County, the area remained largely agricultural into the early 20th century. And because of its distance from the District of Columbia and the major urban areas in Montgomery County it has remained to a surprising degree still agricultural and dotted with horse farms and large estates, mostly outside the downtown area. The downtown commercial area retains some handsome Federal Period residences, 19th century churches and some later residences, along with a number of unfortunate newer buildings.

As most authors have pointed out, no Civil War battles took place in Poolesville, but several major battles took place nearby in Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. And as the people of Poolesville were southern sympathizers, the Union and Confederate armies alternated occupying the town during most of the Civil War and its men joined the Confederate Army.

It is apparent from the early buildings in the Poolesville Historic District and a few early buildings north of the district, such as the

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MHT Comments:

Jonathan Sages
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

8/17/07
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Frank Poole farm house and farm buildings that in the late 18th and early 19th century Poolesville enjoyed its first success as a small town located close to Potomac River crossings and at the intersection of two major transportation routes in western Montgomery County. Outside of the commercial and residential core, Poolesville remained and, to a fair degree, remains agricultural and horse farms, while the rest of the county has changed dramatically. Its most important historic movement was its occupation by Civil War troops and as a passage way to major battles.

Description of Poole-Milford Farm and eligibility criteria:

The 1974 M-NCPPC inventory had the following description: "The house is a two story, brick building constructed in two sections. The west end is three bays with a central doorway and flush gable chimneys. The windows are 9/6 double hung sash on the first floor and 6/6 double hung sash on the second floor. The doorway has a fanlight and sidelight set flush with the wouther (?) wall surface and paneled jambs.

The east wing is two bays with an external chimney on the east end. The doorway is in the west bay; it has an arched fanlight and sidelights. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash.

Both sections are laid up in common bond. The arches over the openings are flat.

In plan, the west wing has a central hall and double parlors. The woodwork and staircase are late Federal where they are original.

A road used to lead from the house to Milford's mill.

South of the house is a log tobacco barn."

The tobacco barn is no longer extant, but there are a horse barn, and small buildings near the house, one of which might have been a tenant house. A 20th century wooden garage is off the approach road.

The east wing's roof is slightly lower than that of the west wing.

It should also be noted that there is an ell off the east wing of the house. Also it appears that the mortar has been redone as it is red and flush with the brick rather than recessed.

The write-up of the property in The History of Poolesville by Dona L. Cuttler and Dorothy J. Elgin (2000, Heritage Books) states that: "'Poole's Hazard' was built for John Poole, Sr., on seventy acres of 'Elizabeth's Delight' in 1769. The two story brick house is three bays with a center door. The right wing was constructed at a later date. Additional acreage was purchased enlarging the property to 158 acres. William Poole left this to his son Thomas H. Poole, who left it to his daughter Ann Elizabeth Poole Hempstone and her husband Vernon Hempstone. On August 19, 1919 it was deeded to Samuel B. Milford who lived there until it was purchased by Warren and Marguerite Irwin. The photograph was taken in 1951. The house is currently

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owned and occupied by Patricia Croker."

It should be noted that the extant house was most likely not built in 1769 and that the authors were referring to an earlier house on the property. "Poole's Hazard" is one of several names attached to this property. Finally, this property was owned by the Irvins, not the Irwins.

Based on the very limited stylistic evidence of the door surrounds and brick pattern, it seems likely to assume that the west wing was built sometime between 1790 and 1820, and that the east wing was built between 1820 and 1850. The absence of a decorative brick pattern reinforces the dates suggested by the Federal pattern door surround on the west wing and by the classical revival flatter, squatter door surround on the east wing.

The absence of documentary evidence and the inability to examine the interiors makes these very tentative attempts to date the building. The ell off the east wing is most likely 19th century, based on appearance of the wing and brick. None of the features obvious from the outside suggest a modern date for the ell.

The immediate outbuildings also appear to be 19th century, while the horse barn could have been built at anytime. The garage is presumably early 20th century.

Although once as large as 158 acres, the property is now approximately half an acre.

This researcher has never seen a Federal Period house like this and there is even the slight possibility that this is a early 20th century Federal Revival house. But Mr. Christopher Owens, the M-NCPPC surveyor, who was in the house in 1974 wrote that the wood trim was late Federal period. The exterior also lacks the exaggerated detailing one would expect in a Federal Revival house.

This property's original address was 17611 Cattail Rd, but the street name was changed when a housing development was built near this house. It was evaluated by the county and found not eligible.

The statement that this building is represented in the 1936 HABS survey is incorrect, but it is a mistake made by the Library of Congress and HABS. The photograph labeled HABS MD, 16-POOV,5-1 is an entirely different structure than the Poole-Milford farmhouse. Neither massing nor detailing bare any resemblance to the Poole-Milford house. Based on review of the HABS records, it is this researcher's belief that the photograph labeled as the Dr. Milford House, 17610 Cattail Rd is actually a house on the eastern outskirts of Poolesville. (The discrepancy in the house number reinforces the belief that the young photographer John Brostrup was confused as to what house he was supposed to be photographing).

No evidence of either the Milford Mill nor the tobacco barn remain. It is likely that both structures were located east or northeast of the house and that the mill was close to what is now the Dry Seneca Creek. Dr. Milford was not only a dentist, but an entrepreneur and it is assumed that the mill was a commercial venture by Milford.

As an unusual example of a rural interpretation of Federal Period residential architecture set on a farm, with surviving farm

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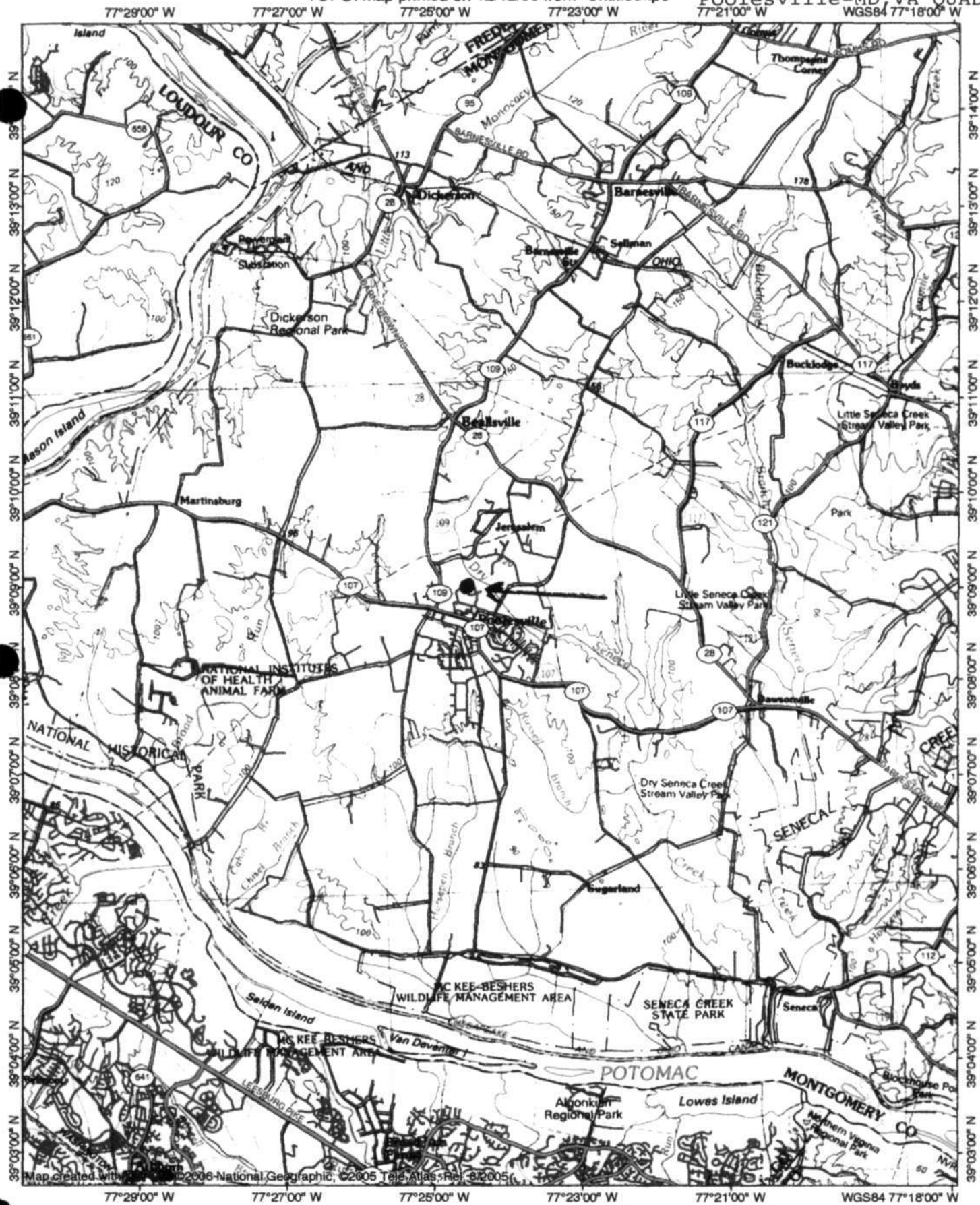
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outbuildings, the Poole-Milford Farm is eligible for the National Register under criterion C. Like the Federal Period residences in the downtown area of Poolesville, the builder of this house showed awareness of current architectural trends and a desire to emulate them. The addition of the east wing, with the front door that competes with the earlier front door, in terms of visual importance, further enhances the importance of the building. Where later additions are normally treated as a secondary wing, set back from the main block, in this house the plane of the façade of the west block is continued straight across the east wing. Absent is any setback, break in brick course, or any sense that the east wing is secondary except for the lower roof (and perhaps the irregular fenestration of the east wing).

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 GEOGRAPHIC

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 10.5°
 12/12/06



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POOLE -

MILFORD

FARM

Montgomery Co.

MD

Bill Lebold

Nov 2006

East facade

#1/2

MD S100



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POOLE-MILFORD
Farm

Montgomery Co.
MD

Bill Leland
Nov 2006

South Facade
(front)

#212

MD SHRO

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HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Irvin Farm				
AND/OR HIS OFFICE: Poole-Milford House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Irvin Farm				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
OWNER'S NAME: Warren E. Irvin				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 E. Capitol Street SE				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(s) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
M-NCPPC

DATE
10 May 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Silver Spring

STATE
Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 9, 1988

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APPENDIX A

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the site will no longer be governed by the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The sites will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The following sites were found by the Preservation Commission to be too greatly altered from the period of their architectural or historical significance or not to meet Ordinance criteria for designation.

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Joseph Poole House

17611 Cattail Road
Poolesville, MD



NAME POOLE/MILFORD HOUSE

LOCATION N OF RTE. 101, POOLESVILLE, MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 5/10/74

M. DWYER



NAME POOLE / MILFORD HOUSE
LOCATION N OF Rt 107 POOLESVILLE, MD
FACADE S
PHOTO TAKEN 5/10/74 MDWYER



NAME POOLE/MILFORD HOUSE

LOCATION N OF RTE. 101, POOLSVILLE, MD.

FACADE S

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M. Dwyer



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NAME POOLE/MILFORD - LOG BARN

LOCATION N OF RTS. 101, POOLESVILLE, MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 5/10/74

M. DWYER